



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1636**

**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Hattori et al.

Application No. 09/765,865

Filed: January 18, 2001

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Examiner: Bronwen Loeb

For: PLASMID, A TRANSFORMANT  
BEARING THE PLASMID, AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCING AN  
ENZYME USING THE  
TRANSFORMANT

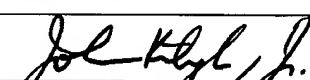
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